

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/741,780
Filing Date	December 19, 2000
First Named Inventor	Duane L. WIRES
Group Art Unit	1711
Examiner Name	Susan W. Berman
Attorney Docket Number	8150/3

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply: Preliminary Amendment
    - i. ☐ Amendment and Response to Final Office Action
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s): \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension (+ duplicate) and extension fee of \$510 (small entity); return postcard
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
  - b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 38 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0930.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☒ Other: Any deficiencies in the enclosed fees
  - b. ☒ Check in the amounts of \$395.00 enclosed (small entity)
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Steven B. Courtright, Agent for Applicant	Reg. No.	40,966
Signature		Date	June 15, 2006

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

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